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Applicant: Kumar et al.

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For: SOIL RELEASE POLYMERS AND LAUNDRY DETERGENT COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THEM

Edgewater, New Jersey 07020
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application filed concurrently herewith, please amend the following:

In the Claims:

Please enter the following amended claim:

26. (Amended) A detergent composition according to claim 25, which is a built laundry detergent composition further comprising from 5 to 40 wt% of deterutive surfactant and from 5 to 80 wt% of detergency builder.

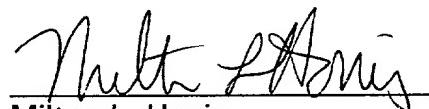
Please cancel claim 27.

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted to eliminate multiple dependencies and to correct minor typographical errors. The amendments were not intended to and should not be construed to have been made for any reasons related to patentability of the claims.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

26. (Amended) A detergent composition according to claim 25, which is a built laundry detergent composition further comprising from 5 to 40 wt% of detergentsurfactant, and from 5 to 80 wt% of detergency builder, and from 0.01 to 10 wt% of an anionic, hydrophobic polysaccharide according to claim 3.